

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US01/04347

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : Please See Extra Sheet.

US CL : Please See Extra Sheet.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 514/282; 424/422, 434, 435, 436, 449, 457, 458, 484, 485, 486, 488, 489, 490, 491, 494, 499, 500

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,767,125 A (CRAIN et al.) 16 June 1998, col. 1, lines 23-50.	1-14, 17-27, 32-34
Y	US 5,998,434 A (MITCH et al.) 07 December 1999, see entire document, especially col. 29, lines 37-42.	1-9
Y	US 5,968,547 A (REDER et al.) 19 October 1999, see entire document.	1-5, 7, 32-34
Y	4,861,598 A (OSHLACK et al.) 29 August 1989, see entire document.	1-6, 10-14, 17-27



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,273,760 A (OSHLACK et al.) 28 December 1993, see entire document.	1-6, 10-14, 17-27
Y	US 5,942,241 A (CHASIN et al.) 24 August 1999, see entire document.	1-6, 10-14, 17-27
Y	EP 0 205 082 A2 (EUROCELTIQUE, SA) 17 December 1986, see entire document.	1-6, 9-14, 17-27

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☒ Claims Nos.: 15-16, 28-31
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Electronic data bases consulted (Name of data base and where practicable terms used):

STN ONLINE

Opioid Agonist, Opioid Antagonist, Drug Delivery, Sustained or Differential Release, Transdermal, Nasal, Mucosal, Topical, Matrix, Suppository, Microsphere, NSAID, COX-2 INHIBITOR